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SUBJ: UNSCEAR - PROPOSED TRANSFER TO GENEVA

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1. DEPT CONTINUES TO CONSIDER, THAT DECISION FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974) OF UNSCEAR SECRETARIAT TO GENEVA WOULD BE PREMATURE UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AND ASSESSED. WE ARE UNCLEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, ON WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES UNSCEAR SECRETARIAT PLANS TO UNDERTAKE IN GENEVA. IN UNSCEAR REPORT TO 27TH GA AND IN OTHER PERTINENT UN DOCUMENTS THERE ARE BROAD REFERENCES

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THAT "COMMITTEE AND ITS RESOURCES CAN BECOME AN ELEMENT OF

VALUE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY OF THE UNITED NATIONS." HOWEVER, PRECISE NATURE OF UNSCEAR SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO UNEP, WHO, WMO AND OTHER AGENCIES IS NOT SPELLED OUT. DEPT ALSO CONCERNED THAT FUTURE UNSCEAR ACTIVITIES MAY OVERLAP OR DUPLICATE ONGOING PROGRAMS OF OTHER AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THE IAEA. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT BELIEVES BEFORE DECISION TAKEN ON TRANSFER, UNSCEAR'S RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER UN BODIES SHOULD BE CLARIFIED. FINALLY, IF ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE OF UNSCEAR ARE TO BE CHANGED, AND THIS MAY BE THE CASE SINCE THEY DATE FROM 1955, QUESTION SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN STUDY BY SYG.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ADOPTED ON

DEC 3 RES (1) EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP OF UNSCEAR FROM 15 TO 20; AND (2) AUTHORIZING UNSCEAR, ON REQUEST FROM A COUNTRY IN NUCLEAR TESTING AREA, TO APPOINT GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR VISIT TO COUNTRY AND CONSULTATIONS WITH ITS SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES. RES WILL RESULT IN AT LEAST SOME ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD FOR SECRETARIAT, PARTICULARLY IF MANY COUNTRIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LATTER PROVISION. MORE IMPORTANTLY, RES INDICATIVE THAT MANY UN MEMBERS CONTINUE TO REGARD PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF UNSCEAR TO ASSESS ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION RESULTING FROM NUCLEAR TESTING, AND THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO THIS TRADITIONAL FUNCTION OF UNSCEAR.

3. DEPT SUGGESTS THAT VIEWS OUTLINED ABOVE AND IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REFTTEL B BE EXPLORED INFORMALLY WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. IF SOUNDINGS INDICATE SUPPORT FOR US POSITION, US DEL MAY FORMALLY PROPOSE THAT QUESTION OF TRANSFER BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT SESSION OF GA TO ENABLE SYG TO PREPARE A THOROUGH STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF UNSCEAR MOVE TO GENEVA.

4. IF, AS INDICATED BY USUN, ACABQ RECOMMENDATION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO COMBAT, US DEL SHOULD ABSTAIN IN VOTING AND STATE FOR RECORD THAT US DOES NOT CONSIDER TRANSFER OF UNSCEAR SECRETARIAT TO GENEVA AS FINAL OR PERMANENT SOLUTION TO FUTURE OF UNSCEAR. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT THE SYG KEEP UNDER REVIEW QUESTION OF UNSCEAR'S RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER UN BODIES AND REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEXT UNGA.

5. ABOVE GUIDANCE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH LINES PROPOSED BY USUN IN REF A EXCEPT FOR FALL-BACK PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF UNSCEAR TO NAIROBI OR VIENNA. ANY SUCH DETERMINATION SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF UNSCEAR'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RELATIONSHIPS

WITH OTHER AGENCIES. EXEMPT. KISSINGER

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